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25X1 All mass organizations in Poland are under the supervision and guidance of the Communist Party, but membership in these organizations is open to all citizens. Government workers are particularly encouraged to belong.

1. League of Soldiers' Friends (Liga Przyjaciół Zolnierza). The main purpose of this organization is to collect books, establish libraries and other facilities for recreation of Soviet soldiers. The League holds few meetings and the dues collected are small (about two zloty per month). In addition, in 1951, there was practice in each ministry department in shooting with a carbine. [redacted] instructors came to Minex seven times altogether in the course of two or three months, and there was practice every week during that time. [redacted]
[redacted] There was also training in the use of gas masks, but none of this training was strictly enforced and it was not popular. Everybody is urged to belong to the League and people pay their dues just to avoid being pestered.
2. Soviet-Polish Friendship Society (Towarzystwo Przyjazny Polsko-Radzieckiej - TPPR). Everybody who is employed is urged to belong to this Society and does belong to it unless he wants to be suspected of being anti-Soviet. The dues are small (one or two zloty per month). The aim of this Society is to spread the truth about the Soviet Union. People say "it is spelled truth but is pronounced lie". The work of this Society is directed to eulogizing everything Russian. Each government institution has an organized circle of friends of the Soviet Union and the Party controls the circle. Meetings are held at least once a month, but only about five per cent of the members attend the meetings. The Society publishes a wall newspaper, "Gazetka Scienna", which carries news of Soviet technological progress and scientific achievements. [redacted]
[redacted] General Ochab was a prominent member.
3. The Polish Red Cross is a dying organization. Everything is done to discourage it.

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4. Peace Defenders Committee (Komitet Obroncow Pokoju) is another mass organization under Communist Party direction. It collects signatures for appeals, holds meetings, collects old clothing and donations for Korea. Last year it collected medicines, money, metals, rags and everything usable.
5. Polish Youth Union (Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej) is a youth organization, political in its scope, the avant-garde of the Communist Party. Youth up to 24 years of age belong to it.
6. Sports Circle (Kolo Sportowe) is a sports organization under the influence of the Communist Party. (Minex employees belonged to a sport organization called "Spojnia".) All sports are practiced. The Government encourages sports, and competitions are held to get the badge "Ready for Work and Fight" (Sprawny do Pracy i Obrony - SPO). The competitions are held in running, jumping, swimming, marching with carbine, target shooting, grenade throwing, with various standards set up according to age. Great propaganda is made of this. It is in reality para-military training.
7. The Chief Committee for Work Competition (Glowny Komitet Wspolzawodnictwa Pracy). This is divided into separate committees, of which there is one in every ministry department. These committees consist of three members: the director of the department, and two other members. The purpose is to encourage competition in work.
8. Committee for Efficiency in Work (Komitet Usprawnien Pracowniczych). A committee exists in every institution. Its purpose is to promote efficiency in work, give premiums for good ideas, inventions, and other suggestions whereby more work can be done at less expense.
9. Women's League (Liga Kobiet) is a women's mass organization.

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